

UNCLE SAM'S FARM.

How the Various Products are Going to Pay this Year.

WHEAT AND OATS, SHORT—BIG CORN.

Ravages of Various Insects are What Caused the Shortage.—Tobacco and Cotton.

The statistician of the department of agriculture reports a further extension of the corn area of about one and one-half million acres, an increase of two per cent over the acreage of 1886. In states of declining wheat culture, maize has advanced in area, very notably in Kansas. The marked advance is in the district between the Mississippi and the Rocky mountains and a considerable increase is reported in the cotton states. The season has been fairly favorable, both for planting and growing and the condition is high, averaging 95.7, which differs a little from the July condition of the past three years, and is materially higher than for the three years preceding 1884. The great corn growing states, which furnish the surplus average nearly 99 in condition.

The condition of winter wheat on the first of July, or at the time of harvest, for Southern states is 83.5, a reduction since the June report of 1.4. There has been a heavy decline in Kansas, a material reduction in California, with some loss in several of the Southern states. Some of the remainder have gained a point or two and others have lost. Chinch bugs have wrought some damage in most of the western states, and in Maryland and Virginia, where the harvested grain has been threshed, results are variable, with plump, sound grain in some localities and a shrunken berry is indicated in others.

There is reported a somewhat serious decline in the condition of spring wheat, largely from the prevalence of the chinch bugs. The general average is 79, last month 87., a decline of 8 points. The condition in July of '86, was 83, 4 points higher than the present average. The average for Wisconsin is 77; Minnesota, 86; Iowa, 72; Nebraska, 85; Dakota, 87. Chinch bugs, hessian fly, grasshopper, in the northeast, and the joint worm, in West Virginia, have all aided in the reduction of the yield of wheat.

The average condition of winter rye is 88. That of spring rye, 84, showing a decline in condition since last report. The average for barley is likewise reduced; it is 92.8 instead of 88.9 as during last month. The decline is mainly in the west. A reduction appears in oats from 91 in June to 95.9 now, due to drouth and insect ravages. It is heaviest in Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin and states west of the Mississippi.

There has been an increase of 2.7 per cent in the acreage of potatoes, the largest rate of advance being in Dakota, Kansas, and Nebraska. The condition, on an average, is 93, which is a little below the July average of the previous three years.

There is apparently a decline of about one sixth in the tobacco acreage, in which nearly all the tobacco growing states participate. The average of condition is 84, a lower July figure than for several years.

The status of the cotton crop has not declined since the last report. In the southeast there is a slight reduction compensated for by a small advance in the states west of the Mississippi. The average is 97, which is 4 points higher than the average for July in the previous ten years. It was exceeded in 1878 and 1880 and nearly equalled in July of 1881 and 1886, which were years of small production. There have been but two July records below 90 since 1873. The state averages are: Virginia, 98; North Carolina, 99; South Carolina, 97; Georgia, 76; Florida, 98; Alabama, 98; Mississippi, 99; Louisiana, 98; Texas, 93; Arkansas, 99; Tennessee, 98. The crop is under unusually clean cultivation. There are a few reports of injury from excessive moisture and a few of drouth. Cotton worms are indicated in very few localities.

Only the successful positive and determined man is hated. The drone and another is pitied. He who has convictions and fearlessly and boldly expresses them is the man who is respected and honored by good people and feared by the depraved and shiftless.

Tree-Planting in Kansas.

Kansas is comparatively a new state, and when we take into consideration that the first settlers in our prairie states always settle near the timber, we see by the immense number of trees her citizens have already planted, that in a few years she will surprise some of our writers, who are deploring the apathy of the people. Indeed, I think this is the case from articles I see greedily copied, of what is being done in Europe, compared with the little that is being done here. Two or three years ago a statement was published, giving the actual number of forest trees that had been planted that year in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. I was surprised to see that in the aggregate they did not reach 34 millions, just about the number they would plant on 1,000 acres, and yet what we are doing in this country is looked upon with contempt. Surely these editors and essayists either can not find time, or will not take the trouble to inquire about what is being done in their own country. They can not be aware that the state of Kansas alone, since she commenced this new industry, has planted 147,340 acres. Think of it! Great Britain and Ireland, 1,000 acres in one year. The state of Kansas, a new state, peopled by families who went out within the past few years to work a living out of raw prairies, have planted 247,340 acres!

"But," say some of our forestry friends, "What does it amount to?" "They are planting worthless trees." Let us see about that: 11,500 acres of Black Walnut, 12,480 acres of maples, 2,637 acres of Honey Locusts, 55,553 acres of Cottonwood, 65,771 acres of other varieties. Admitting that the Cottonwood does not rank among the most valuable woods, it is god-send to the new settlers, as it makes fuel in less time than any other tree. (In this tree we see history repeating itself; in ancient Rome, the Genus Poplar derived its name from being the people's tree.) Some writers—not planters—recommend mixing the Cottonwood with other trees, to be cut out for fuel in the future. But as far as I have seen, the practical farmer knows better. To him it would seem like turning a drove of Texas steers into a herd of Jerseys.—Cor. Prairie Farmer.

Clinton (Mo.) Mineral Well.

CLINTON, Mo., July 11.—Sunday and to-day have been two red letter days for Clinton. The mineral water at the well where the Natural Gas and Development Company is boring is the theme of conversation and the wonder to all who have visited it, and they are now numbered by thousands. At midnight Saturday night when the drill was stopped a ten foot joint of casing was arranged to raise the water above the floor and pour over like a cataract. Before daylight the water had become as clear as crystal, and all day flowed into a basin below and ran off through an 8-inch pipe to a branch near by, and the water is now on its way to the Father of waters.

All day Sunday visitors thronged to the scene, drinking the water and carrying away bottles, jugs, pails and barrels full of it for use at home. Visitors from Kansas City, El Dorado and St. Louis say they never saw its equal. H. A. Frasch, a chemist of this city, has begun an analysis of the water, and already has found it to contain sulphurated hydrogen, carbonic acid gas, magnesium and calcium, carbonates and sulphates.

Farmer Spencer, of West Monroe, N. Y., has a queer little calf. It is six weeks old, and about half the size of a calf of its age. Its body is covered with genuine black wool, similar to that seen on lambs, while perhaps there are half a dozen spots of long silky white hair. Its legs and feet resemble those of a calf, while its head and tail, which are black, are those of a sheep, and it bleats like a lamb. The mother and father of this curiosity were both bright red, and Mr. Spencer has had no sheep on the premises until within a few weeks ago. The mother refused to own her offspring, and would have destroyed it had it not been taken away.

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PREPARING TO DIVIDE THE INDIAN LANDS.

It has now been decided to try the new Indian severalty law in no less than eleven reservations. This is more than was at first intended and will afford the amplest opportunities for testing the plan under the most widely different circumstances. The reservations selected are the Siletz, Grand Rounds, and Warm Springs, in Oregon; the Devil's Lake, Lake Traverse, Poncas, and Yankton, in Dakota; the Crow, in Montana; the Muckleshoot in Washington; and the Pattowattomie, and Quapaw, in the Indian Territory. It is expected that the special agents to superintend the allotment will soon be appointed and the work begun. The requests that are already being made to have the lands surveyed, and thrown open for settlement, indicate in a small degree the great pressure that will be brought to bear upon these special agents by interested parties. If the agents are not men of the strictest integrity, the usefulness of this law so far as the Indians are concerned will be very much impaired. In all their official acts President Cleveland and Secretary Lamar never had the possibility of completely wrecking the good intentions of congress as in this. It remains to be seen whether they will appoint a squad of party heaters to act as special agents, thereby robbing the Indians who have accepted the provisions of this law, or whether the men appointed will be such as will do justice to all and to the Indians first. We sincerely trust it will be the latter.—Leavenworth Times.

In a case before our district court last week the question was asked by a member of the jury, if a farm or piece of property is placed in the hands of a real estate dealer for sale and there is a mortgage on the property, is the dealer entitled to his commission on the full amount of money paid and mortgage, or whether the commission should be paid on the amount of cash alone. The Judge decided that the mortgage should be taken out, and the commission on the money received alone. This is a piece of news which will doubtless be strange to some of our readers, as it has been the universal custom to charge commission on the full amount.—Eureka Republican.

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